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—Dr. H. H. Ford

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—Lancelot Whyte

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## Forum Talks Over Articles in Warrant

The Central Planning Committee Forum at the town hall, last Thursday evening, attracted more than 50 people for a discussion of the various articles in the town warrant.

With the discussion centering primarily on the article pertaining to the swimming pool, a consensus indicated that a majority were in favor of the reconstruction of a swimming pool. Further information and date will be secured by the committee now operating under the OPC, and this will be submitted at the town meeting, Feb. 7.

Also discussed were other articles referring to: changing of the time for town meeting from 8 a. m. to 7 p. m. opening hour; the acquisition of the AYH building as a community center; the free use of the town hall by organizations for non-profit purposes; the periodic reassessment of properties, in town by an outside firm; the painting of the World War II memorial.

It was also suggested that the CPC call a special meeting to choose a school building project committee, to replace the outgoing committee.

Dr. J. W. Bennett, chairman of the CPC, presided.

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- February 4, Fortnightly meeting, Alexander Hall 3 p. m. Dr. McClurkin, speaker.
- February 5, VFW Broadcast, 4:45 p. m. WHAI.
- February 7, TOWN MEETING, OPENING AT 10 A. M.
- February 8, Founder's Day at the Northfield Schools.
- Basketball game, "Old Timers" vs. Northfield High.
- February 9, 4-B Club broadcast, WHAI, 6:35 A. M.
- February 10, Public Supper, Congregational Church vestry.
- Afternoon Alliance meeting, 2:30 p. m.
- Evening Alliance meeting 8 p. m.
- February 13, 20-45 Club meeting, Dr. Oscar Elwell, speaker.
- February 14, P. T. A. meeting, Alexander Hall, 8 p. m.
- State Line Fellowship meeting.
- February 16, VFW meeting, Post Quarters, 8 p. m.
- WCTU meeting at the home of Mrs. A. B. True, 3 p. m.
- Aviation Cadet graduates receive pilot's wings, a Reserve commission as a second lieutenant, and active duty with the Air Force at beginning pay exceeding \$4000 a year.

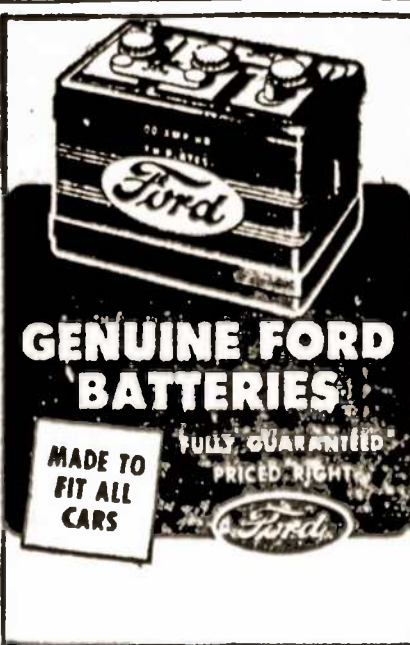
## PUBLIC SALE

Saturday, Feb. 5  
2 P.M.

I have a miscellaneous lot of furniture at the house on Maple Street formerly occupied by Supt. Taylor, that I will sell very reasonably.

J. W. FIELD

Saturday 2 P.M.



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## Scout Little House Committee Meets

The Girl Scout Little House Committee met at the home of the chairmen, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Abbott, on Tuesday evening, January 25. Other committee members present included Mr. and Mrs. Paul Thompson, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Brismaster, Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Wert, Mr. Albert Raymond, Mrs. Donald Hayes, Mrs. William Nelson and Mrs. D. M. Jewett, Jr. Mr. Raymond reported a total of \$831.80 in the bank from the Building Fund Drive.

The rough plans suggested by the Scout and Brownie leaders and discussed by the Materials Committee were presented and discussed. They call for a one-room building, 24 x 32 feet, with a fireplace at the north end. Plans included the built-in bookshelves, work tables, benches and bulletin boards. The committee decided to use second-hand material wherever possible and suggested that usable second-hand windows would be worth looking for. Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting.

## ON THE AIR



The Northfield Post 9874, V. F. W., will be on the air at the regular time this Saturday, 4:45 over station WHAI, with another in the series of Speak Up For Democracy broadcasts.

Unto, Hantunen will be the speaker.

## WEATHER STATION REPORT

Temperatures reported from the weather station on the campus of the Northfield School for Girls:

Date	Max.	Min.
January 27	34	17
January 28	35.5	18
January 29	38.5	23
January 30	29	2
January 31	27	5
February 1	30	6
February 2	33	17

Total precipitation for month of January: 3.82"

## Pre-Town Meetings

The following editorial is reprinted from the Boston Herald, February 1, 1949.

Even though municipal government has become exceedingly complex there are still towns in New England wherein every citizen shares directly in the practical running of the community. The fact that the unlimited town meeting is surviving this new and difficult age is hopeful evidence that we have not yet reached the limit of fundamental democracy.

But it's not as simple as it was a century ago, when the affairs of a town were easily accessible to everyone all the year round, and town meeting found about everyone abreast of the issues. A town meeting nowadays catches a lot of citizens unawares on a lot of things despite the abundant advance publication of the warrant. Too many things are decided on inadequate understanding, and one of the arguments for limited town meetings, in which delegates replace the mass of citizens, is that even town government has to become specialized business.

But it doesn't need to work that way. If Americans here in New England towns can't learn to govern themselves and to educate themselves for self-government, then the larger aspects of democracy bear a rather dark look.

But towns are facing this problem. And one of the most encouraging methods is something called the "Pre-Town Meeting." This may be an informal rehearsal of the actual town meeting, where the important articles of the warrant are reviewed, discussed and questioned, often with the town officers present to explain and defend their budgets. In some towns, the finance committees are required by law to hold such meetings, in others citizen groups, particularly taxpayers associations, put on the meetings.

The town of Medway is an example. This place of some 3500 people, 30 miles out of Boston on the way to Milford, has been having troubles, like most towns, with a zooming tax rate. There was no inefficiency of government you could put your finger on, but it has been obvious that town affairs were getting away from the townspeople. There needed to be drawing together of both. So, Medway is stepping out next Tuesday with a pre-town meeting, some ten days in advance of the regular meeting, under the sponsorship of a new taxpayers association. If it works, it will mean that the voters at the regular meeting will be better equipped to deal with complex affairs.

Medway is not the first town to try the plan, but it will offer an interesting study of its practicality in a community near Boston.

## Mt. Hermon Graduate Now Foreign Minister

Len Limb, a graduate of Mount Hermon, and an exile from his native Korea for 37 years, returned to his homeland recently and was named Foreign Minister of his country.

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## Mark Founders Day With Long Program

Students at the Northfield Schools will celebrate Founder's Day on Tuesday with traditional fun and feasting plus a few new features. This annual event this year will commemorate the 112th anniversary of the birth of D. L. Moody, who founded Northfield School for Girls in 1879 and Mount Hermon School for Boys in 1881.

Speaker of the day will be Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, professor of religion and social ethics at Smith College since 1923 and a frequent speaker at the schools. He will deliver the Founder's Day address in Memorial Chapel, Mt. Hermon, at 9 a. m., and at Russell Sage Chapel, Northfield at 10:30 a. m.

The program for the rest of the day at Mt. Hermon includes a Junior League Hockey game at 10 a. m.; a snow sculpturing contest with judging at 3 p. m.; ski jumping, including exhibition jumps by Mezzie Barber of Brattleboro, 1:30 to 5 p. m.; hockey game with Cushing Academy 2:30 p. m.; basketball with Kimball Union Academy, 2:30 p. m.; dinner 6:15 p. m.; and a movie, "State of the Union" at 8:15 p. m.

The afternoon schedule at Northfield includes a ski picnic at lunch time, snow sculpturing in front of the halls, and informal skating and skiing. Girls have also been granted the privilege of attending several of the afternoon events at Mt. Hermon. Northfield will also have a special Founder's Day dinner and at 8:15 p. m. in Silverthorne Hall the dramatic clubs of both schools will collaborate in the presentation of several one-act plays.

The guest speakers at the Northfield Schools for the morning worship services Sunday, February 6, will be Rev. Edward C. Dahl of the Centre Church of Brattleboro, Vt., in Russell Sage Chapel at 11 a. m. and Dr. Arthur Jeffrey of the Union Theological Seminary in New York, in Memorial Chapel at 10:30 a. m. Communion will be observed in Russell Sage Chapel at 4:30 p. m.

## University Women Hold Book Sale

The Franklin County Branch of the American Association of University Women is holding a used book sale in Greenfield on February 10, from 11:30 to 4:30 at the Greenfield Gas Light Company, 395 Main street.

The profits of the sale will be used toward their National and International Fellowship Fund. This assists Foreign Women students in carrying on advanced academic work in our American Universities. And many of our American Women scholars are studying in foreign fields, thanks to this support.

The Northfield Branch requests that any contributions you may have be sent to Mrs. Gethman at our collection centers, Palmer Hall 5, or Center Gould 218. Or communicate directly with her and she will have them collected.

You are urged to attend the sale likewise. It will feature books on fiction, travel, biography, children's books and many books of general interest in the world of today.

## Amherst College Glee Club in Greenfield

The Amherst College Glee Club will make its second appearance on Wednesday, February 9, at 8 p. m. in the High School Auditorium, Greenfield.

President Leon Dunnell of the Music Appreciation Club said the committees have been at work a considerable length of time to make possible this program. Those who attended the concert last year are enthusiastically looking forward to this 1949 appearance. Those of the members not contacted personally may purchase tickets at the Y. M. C. A. office.

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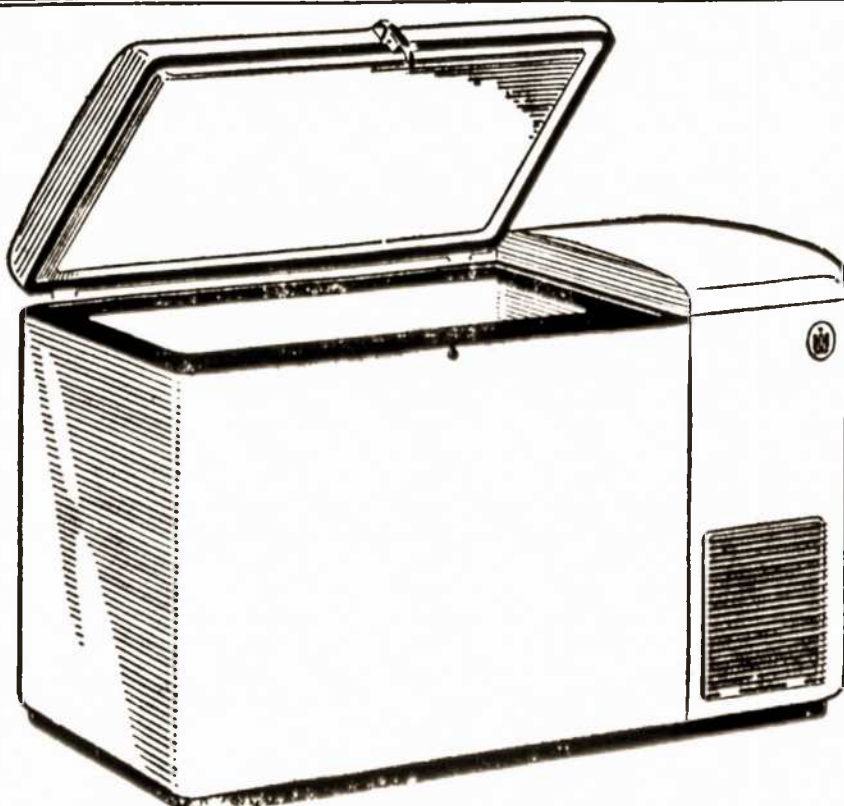
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## 57 ARTICLES COMPRISE 1949 TOWN WARRANT - TOWN MEETING, MON., FEB. 7

Surpassing the 1948 town warrant of 55 articles, the warrant for 1949 with 57 articles, calls for, among other things, the election of a committee of five to investigate the possibility of purchasing the Youth Hostel headquarters building, and also the appropriation of \$200 for the use of this committee.

Another article calls for the appropriation of \$500 for the purpose of constructing and maintaining a community swimming pool.

In both of the above cases the Finance Committee recommended further study.

The town will also be called upon to vote on the changing of the time of opening town meeting from 10 a. m. to 8 p. m. this change, if made, to become effective in 1950.

## Local Polio Money Goes to County Fund

Some years ago the Presidential Birthday Ball was observed here with marked festivities in the Town Hall. Each year for a time the celebration continued and the proceeds net were deposited which consisted of \$78.31. The trustees were Ross L. Spencer, Harry Gings and William F. Hoehn. The trustees contributed from this fund the sum of \$10.00 to the Northfield Fire Dept. for their fund for the purchase of the inhalator and placed the balance of the money at the disposal of the selectmen and district nurse for emergency use. No call has been made for assistance and since the formation of a County Chapter for Infantile Paralysis a single fund available to all the county is desirable. Accordingly the local Trustees have transferred to the county chapter the sum of \$80.06 which amount includes an interest on the fund of \$11.75. Ross L. Spencer as Treasurer has given a check for the local fund to George W. Carr who will probably represent this town as a member of the Chapter Council.

## Town Topics

Rev. Joseph W. Reeves is attending the Special Merger Meeting of the Congregational, Christian Churches in Cleveland, Ohio, on Friday and Saturday of this week. He will then go to Richmond, Kentucky, to spend a few days with his parents, and to call on his son, Richard, who is a student at the University of Kentucky.

Another article calls for the evaluation of all taxable property in town by persons outside the town every ten years, beginning in 1950.

Article 44 calls for the discharge of any committee known as "The World War Memorial School Building Plans Committee" and to authorize the appointment of a new committee to investigate the possible need for new classroom facilities as well as to continue the investigation of the desirability of the construction of the proposed Memorial Gymnasium.

Article 45 calls for the expenditure of \$190.00 for the installation of additional radiation in the town hall.

Other articles call for the rent-free use of the town hall at reasonable times and occasions by the American Legion and the V. F. W.; the appropriation of \$100 for the Library at Northfield Farms; \$350 for the tree warden; \$3500 for lighting the streets; \$100 for highway work tools; compensation for elective officers; salaries and other appropriation of \$3,675 for the operation of Dickinson Memorial Library; \$2,450 for repairs and alterations of Dickinson Library; appropriate money to pay note due on Grade School building; raise money for extermination of the Gypsy moth; appropriate money for Administrator and Clerk for Aid to Dependent Children and Old Age Assistance; Authorize the appointment of one of the assessors as Clerk of the Board and appropriate \$500 for this purpose; appropriate money for the salary of a Public Health Nurse; to appropriate money for the expenses of a Public Health Nurse; to raise and appropriate money for the expense of the Public Health Nurse's care and preservation of files; Articles 21 - 25 d highway repairs.

Other articles call for appropriation of money to Day exercises to be exp. the joint direction of can Legion and the Foreign Wars; to raise appropriate \$125.00 toward of a check signer for Town Treasurer. (The mittie did not rec. expenditure); raise a sum of money chairs in town hall room tables and a ture that might ne

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## Church CALENDAR

TRINITARIAN  
CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH  
Rev. Joseph W. Reeves, Minister.  
Sunday, February 6,

9:00 a. m. Junior Choir rehearsal.  
9:55 a. m. Church School.  
10:00 a. m., Young People's For-  
um and Men's Bible Class.

11:00 a. m. Public Worship. The  
service will be conducted by Mr.  
Gaylord Douglas. Pre-school age  
children attended by Mrs. Ray  
Thompson.

6:30 p. m., Pilgrim Fellowship of  
Young People. Jean McEwan will  
lead the devotional service. Con-  
cluding meeting in an annual ses-  
sion on "Personal Criticisms."

Thursday, February 10th, will be  
Women's Guild project day. The  
program will start at 10:00 a. m.  
Bring baked dish, salad or dessert;  
or if money, call Mrs. Bernard  
Whitney, phone 889. Missionary  
sewing to be done and a variety  
project for Ellis Island.

A public supper will be served  
in the vestry on Thursday evening  
at 6:30. Mrs. Julian Black, chair-  
man of the committee. Main dish,  
baked stuffed pork chops. Please  
buy tickets in advance at the Book-  
store, Aldrich's or Avery's. Adult  
tickets, 99 cents each; children's  
tickets, 50 cents each.

Mrs. George Carr will be hostess  
to the Evening Auxiliary on Friday  
at 7:45. Miss Sophie Servaes will  
review chapters in the study book:  
a. m., "Puerto Rico and Tomorrow."

The young people will conduct  
FREE service of worship on Sunday.  
Rev. Helger 13. Sermonettes by Nell  
and Russell Roberts and  
Sunday, January 13.

10:30 a. m. Ellwell, director of Camp  
"Prayer." will show pictures and  
11:30 a. m. Meeting Along with Boys  
7:00 p. m. Event, the Sunday Evening  
er and Praise. on February 13.

Tuesday, February  
Monthly meeting, TRINITARIAN CHURCH  
Wednesday, February 10, Vt.  
Mid-week prayer in W. Blackstone  
ry Sunday, 10:30 a.

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- 5—Felix Mendelssohn  
born, 1809
- 6—U. S. takes Kwajalein  
atoll in Marshalls,  
1944
- 7—John L. Sullivan won  
boxing title from  
Paddy Ryan, 1882.
- 8—Mary Queen of Scots  
executed, 1587.
- 9—Railroad reaches Sen-  
ta Fe, New Mexico,  
1880.
- 10—President McKinley  
signed treaty ending  
Spanish American  
war, 1899.
- 11—David Boone born,  
1734.

## THE "SQUEEZE" BOX

(Letters should be limited to 400  
words or less. All letters must be  
signed by the writer. The name  
will not be used if you so desire.)

### "Roaring Camp"

Editor, Northfield Press,  
Northfield, Mass.

Dear Editor:

My objective in writing this arti-  
cle is to present a more definite  
plan for a swimming pool than has  
been brought to my attention thus  
far. But, before I go into detail  
on this subject I should like to give  
my own impressions of the forum  
meeting which was held in the  
town hall, January 27th.

This was my first experience in  
forum matters of this nature and  
since I am deeply interested in out-  
door recreation I went to the meet-  
ing to learn more about such ac-  
tivities.

There was an audience of forty  
people or more (Ed. Note: MORE)  
and from outward appearances all  
of us looked the part of intelligence  
and capability to grasp any situa-  
tion at hand and carry it to a  
final conclusion. It did not occur  
to me that other subjects were to  
be discussed, but I quickly learned  
that we were to discuss the pro-  
posed Town Warrant in its entire-  
ty.

In regard to the wording in some  
of the articles it appeared to me  
that a new departure in expression  
was being introduced. By the time  
the secretary had concluded read-  
ing some of the more lengthy ones  
I became confused as to the real  
meaning or intent of the article at  
hand, and while I do not wish my  
impressions to become generally  
known, it was my formal feeling  
that they were the weakest arti-  
cles I have ever read. However,  
this conclusion could be due to my  
own ignorance in relation to the  
English language and its setting.

At the outset of the meeting the  
swimming pool was the first arti-  
cle on the agenda for our discus-  
sion. Very good suggestions were  
made and an effort to arrive at a  
solution of this vital problem was  
the concern of many of the voters,  
but nothing that would definitely  
give any basic idea for the annual  
meeting to debate upon, was  
brought to light, neither was the  
expense of such an undertaking  
given much thought.

We then delved into other matters  
which, as we went along, became  
blurred in my vision of things and  
eventually beyond my comprehen-  
sion. The Youth Hostel, consoli-  
dated schools, gymnasium, com-  
munity center and many other pro-  
jects were all problems long over-  
due in our order and well being if  
we are to survive; but nothing was  
said of the cost or from where the  
money was forthcoming. In my  
befuddled brain I was trying to  
add up the grand total of expendi-  
ture necessary to accomplish these  
results. Finally I gave up in des-  
pair and was about to leave the  
hall, when, quick as a flash one of  
the speakers gave me the answer  
— it was this — "During the next  
ten years this town will be called  
upon for one hundred to one hun-  
dred fifty thousand dollars for  
modern improvements." This, I  
understood, was in addition to our  
yearly expenditures. On learning  
this I really did get out into the  
open air and I felt better. This  
much, however, was more deeply  
impressed upon me — I am still of  
the opinion that our Selectmen and  
our Finance committee are the two  
groups of men to rely upon for  
guidance and instruction in our  
town affairs. Their recommenda-  
tions will be of interest to me in  
my decisions on such important  
issues.

In summing up my impressions  
on that Forum meeting I was re-  
minded of an expression in one of  
Bret Harte's stories — "The Luck  
of Roaring Camp." This is a gold  
mining camp story pictured in the  
wilds of the West. Nothing of value  
in education or any other enterprise  
ever came from that lonely territory,  
and it is not strange to learn that  
only one woman ever ventured into that

## JOURNEY TO EUROPE STORY AND SKETCHES

by  
Isabel Smith

When we ourselves were hungry  
and stopped for a meal in a poor  
little partly destroyed town, we dis-  
covered that food was not to be  
had even for Americans. Those  
two days were the really hungry  
days for our group. In the evening  
we reached Freiburg and accosted  
a boy on the street corner for di-  
rections to the youth hostel. He  
guided us there, and on arrival we  
suggested that he stop for a cup of  
tea with us. (Tea was all we could  
get — peppermint tea without  
sugar or milk. The bread was  
some we carried from Switzerland  
in our knapsacks for a wayside  
snack.) When we urged him to  
join us he finally responded, "To-  
day they say that the Germans  
will sell his soul for a piece of  
bread. I do not want your bread,"  
but I could not swallow my bread  
in his presence. He was evidently  
half starved. Finally I begged,  
"My boy about your age has plenty  
of meat on his bones. I can't have  
you standing there and not sharing  
with us."

He saw my real eagerness and  
replied at last, "I will sit by the  
mother," and drew a chair near  
mine. When I broke my bread in  
two he reluctantly accepted the  
half that I offered him, and drank  
a cup of tea.

"Why are you here in Germany?"  
he asked. "We have come on a  
work project. We have come to  
rebuild some of the bombed hos-  
tels." "Who is paying you, the  
boy asked. "No one is paying us.  
We are doing it because we want  
to. We are covering our own ex-  
penses." "But it can't be true," he  
insisted. "What is your real reason  
for coming?" As we talked I tried  
to point out to him the motive of  
friendliness and concern we felt,  
and told him of our work projects  
in France, Canada, etc.; and how  
we were interested in the whole  
international family of young peo-  
ple. "You know," he said, "we  
here are suffering a great hopeles-  
ness. Rubble and destruction  
surround us. We are hungry. We  
are nervously ill and unstrung.  
There seems to be nothing to talk  
about or think about that brings  
us hope. When I go back today to  
my friends and tell them what you  
say it will be better than food. It  
will be greater than any gift, for  
I have seen something with my  
own eyes that is incredible."

He had been drinking tea with a  
deformed hand and wrist in which  
a "dum-dum" bullet had exploded.

forsaken region. She was a woman  
better known to the general pub-  
lic as "Cherokee Sal," and as Bret  
Harte puts it, "The less said of her  
the better."

In the course of time a child  
was born under circumstances  
which caused a lifting of the eye-  
brows in surprise and conjecture  
regarding official recognition of the  
parenthood of the child. The moth-  
er died immediately and left no  
clue, neither did any one in Camp  
shoulder that responsibility. This  
whole subject was such a novel  
one in that territory, that the cam-  
p rose up as one man in a burst of  
enthusiasm and financial assistance  
in making great plans for the  
child's welfare and social standing.  
Expenditures for this cause were  
far in excess of calculation. The  
expression which was of special  
interest to me was voiced by one  
labeled "Stumpy," who in substance  
said, "The h-l with the cost."

In this story a miracle happened  
which put a permanent end to the  
embarrassing situation in which  
the men found themselves. The  
flood came and overturned and up-  
rooted every bit of evidence rela-  
tive to "Roaring Camp." But mind  
you this, I'm interested only in the  
expression, I could not entertain  
such ideas as "Bret Harte's" mir-  
acle in our present day. I should  
have to include myself.

I will give you my plan for a  
swimming pool at a later date.  
Phil Porter

### "Our Songs"

Dear Editor:  
Never, since I have lived in  
Northfield — and attended school  
here — have I seen such lack of  
school spirit as I did Saturday  
night, January 29 at the "January  
Varieties." The program was good,  
from the first skit up to, but not  
including, the last song the Glee  
Club sang. What was the last  
song? It was "Boosting" one of  
the High School songs and so indi-  
cated on the program. But, is it  
not still customary to rise when a  
school song is either sung or play-  
ed? I am under the impression,  
however, no one would know this  
by watching high school students  
seated at various spots throughout  
the town hall. They acted as though  
they had never heard the song be-  
fore, as though they failed even to  
recognize it! Why?

Perhaps customs are changing  
but when I was in high school, a  
number of years ago, we not only  
recognized school songs but nearly  
everyone knew the words and mu-  
sic and could sing them with or

"Oh, I was luckier than most of  
the young men in the village," was  
his answer to my inquiry. "Most  
of the others are either dead or like  
that," and he pointed toward a  
young man on crutches, one leg off  
at the hip.



In Gravenwiesbach, a tiny moun-  
tain village, when it was noised  
abroad that our American group  
had arrived, young people streamed  
in from all the villages and hamlets  
around; and although it was a day  
of rain and cold, and distances  
great, nothing could deter them.  
We gathered in the little Inn, this  
time ordering great pots of pepper-  
mint tea for our guests. Songs and  
"speeches" were exchanged. A  
spokesman for the Germans said,  
"You cannot think what it means  
to feel your friendship. Only a  
short time ago Americans were  
here under different circumstances.  
The last young American who  
spoke to me in this village said  
briefly, 'I want your watch. I have  
18 already,' and he put out his  
hands to show me. From wrists to  
elbows on both arms was a collec-  
tion of watches. 'They are souven-  
irs,' he explained, adding my watch  
that I had had since I was a young-  
ster in high school, to the collec-  
tion. Now we are your guests,  
recipients of your generosity. You  
help us lift our heads again.' At  
this one of our American boys said,  
'I want to make a short speech.  
A little while ago we were told that  
all Germans were terrible. You  
people here were told that all Am-  
ericans were bad. Now we know  
both were wrong.' How faces  
glowed; how eyes brimmed, then  
shown with happiness.

(To be Continued)

### Poet's Corner

SPEAKING OF NEWSPAPERS  
A newspaper man knocked at the  
pearly gate.

His face was scarred and old.  
He stood before the man of fate  
For admittance to the fold  
"What have you done," St. Peter  
asked.

"To gain admittance here?"  
"I've been a newspaper man, Sir,"  
he said.

"For many and many a year."  
The pearly gates swung open wide,  
And St. Peter touched the bell.  
"Come in," he said, "and choose  
your harp.

You've had your taste of hell."  
—Unknown.

without the aid of a piano. I'm sure  
we would have been severely re-  
primanded had we failed to at least  
acknowledge the fact that they  
were "our songs."

I repeat — it was a fine perfor-  
mance up to but not including the  
last song the Glee Club sang.

A puzzled alumnus



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by Gertrude C. Whitney

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Did you ever realize that a garden is partly a state of mind? Like "castles in Spain," it is something that represents a desideratum, that bower of beauty that one can never quite afford to erect, or, looking back through the years, a home-plot where one dug and planted, pruned and weeded, and was very happy.

Memory's garden is sacred soil and one must tread lightly, as one would pick one's way among the headstones in an old cemetery, lest one tread ruthlessly on someone's grave. The poets have sung much of memory's garden. "In the Garden of Tomorrow" has a forward look, but the author "would so much rather" pluck her roses "in the garden of today."

How true it is that in dreaming of some future Elysium, we fail to see the roses in our neighbors' gardens?

In the first World War we "Hooverized"; we went without sugar and white bread, we avoided waste in the kitchen and we were encouraged to have "war gardens." Daylight saving time went into effect. We neighbors had two or three hours of daylight after supper, in which to till our beans and corn and hoe our potatoes. Incidentally, we visited across lots and we got to know our neighbors better.

At first our muscles ached, but we got used to it and the exercise was beneficial. It created healthy appetites too, and we thrived under the plain fare.

And now, more than thirty years later, we still have the problem of helping to feed the world. Today it seems like an even bigger job because our world has enlarged. We find now that our humanitarian endeavors must encircle the globe. We have become too soft, many of us. We don't even bother to go to a gymnasium to keep ourselves fit, or encourage the regimen of "the daily dozen" at home; we even forget to breathe deeply; we'd rather ride than walk — yet we have the best kind of an open-air gymnasium in our own backyards, for no indoor exercise can compare with the pulling and stooping and reaching that we must do in cultivating our gardens or in pruning our trees.

It really seems a shame that there is so much uncultivated land. Can't we do something about it this spring? Fewer posies, (much as I love them) AND MORE SQUASH BLOSSOMS AND SUNFLOWERS. SAY I. (Sunflower seed for fine feathers.)

Those far reaching rows of splendid corn on the Bennett Meadows last summer were a gladsome sight. And there were other farmers coming up to the occasion throughout our fertile valley while some of us on the slopes allowed our hoes to rust.

Crossing the bridge towards Bernardston, the large barn with wide-open doors revealing a huge pile of golden and blue squashes, showed that the bottom land in this section had been well worked. I hope that weather conditions will be more favorable to the maturing of pumpkins this year, for last fall there were none left for Thanksgiving pie, after the Halloweeners had made their jack-o'-lanterns.

Time was when it was not an unusual sight in driving about the countryside, to see white fields of buckwheat, red fields of clover, or patches of golden mustard — the two first named for the bees. I am pleased to note a revival of bee-keeping in Franklin County but we must furnish material for the bees to work on, rather than the variable yield of wild cherry, the apple orchard or the chance flower garden.

An especially attractive garden book for 1949 has just arrived from Boston. Its colorful pages reveal many old friends among the flowers and a few quite amazing new plant creations. Some of these I would like to call your attention next week for we must get the propagating trays started.

### Know Your Teachers

MISS EVELYN G. LAWLEY

In September 1923, Evelyn G. Lawley, the link on her diploma hardly dry, joined the faculty of Northfield High School. Ever since, she has played an important part in the school life of the town of Northfield. Through her work in the high school she has helped form the ideals, shape the character, and provide the education of a goodly number of citizens of the town. Just how extensive her influence on the town has been no one can tell for it is difficult to make such an evaluation. For some years, when good teachers have been at a premium, there has been a steady flow of new teachers into Northfield High School — and an equally steady flow out, and the school has suffered in various ways from these constant changes in personnel. It would have suffered

much more if it had not been for the steady influence of Miss Lawley and Miss Julia Austin who remained to form an experienced nucleus. Unfortunately the latter yielded to the lure of a higher salary in Barre, Vt.

For nine years Miss Lawley held the position of Principal of Northfield High School. Her resignation from that position was not due to a failure in efficiency, but was the result of a decision by the School Committee to use only male principals in the high school, following the trend in many other communities. Miss Lawley accepted this change with an unselfish understanding, and gave her loyalty and support to the new principal, when he was installed. Most deservedly she was retained as Assistant Principal and had served capably in that capacity ever since.

In addition, she at present teaches physics, mathematics, and Latin. The scope of subjects which she has taught in her years of service is broad, but most of her teaching has been in the field of mathematics or science, in which subjects she majored for her degrees. She has been a strong advocate of organized sports for both boys and girls in the high school and has been active in promoting such sports. At present she is the Girls' Athletic Coach, the coach of the senior play, and advisor for Pro Merito, the high school honor society.

Miss Lawley, a native of Northampton, attended the public schools there and is a graduate of that city's famous Smith College, where she also secured her master's degree, in chemistry. She has a keen interest in the theatre, especially summer theatres and usually plans her summers so that attendance at many theatrical performances is possible. Another hobby of hers is travel by water for she loves life aboard a ship. However, the war and postwar prices have prevented her from indulging in this pastime lately. During the last summer when such a trip could be made with any feeling of security, she took a trip around the Mediterranean and Black Seas stopping at all the Mediterranean countries. She has also visited the Caribbean several times. When she is not traveling or enjoying the drama, she spends her summers keeping house for one of her brothers in Florence.

Let us, then, join in expressing to Miss Lawley, our sincerest appreciation for what she has done for our children during her years of service and extend to her our wishes for happiness, health and prosperity in the future.

Both married and single young men now are eligible to apply for Air Force Aviation Cadet training.



WELCH

Edith Chandler, on January 28, daughter of the late Francis Welch, former Congressman of Nebraska, and Elizabeth Butts Welch, formerly of Hudson and Cooperstown, New York. Services at St. Bartholomew's Chapel, Park avenue and 51st street, New York City, Monday, 2 p.m. Interment at Cooperstown, New York.

WILLIAM C. WILSON

William Clarence Wilson, 84, died at the Bronson nursing home, Friday, after a short illness.

He was born in Deerfield, N. H., Feb. 23, 1864, the son of William B. and Belinda G. Wilson, and was educated in Charlestown, N. H., where he married Eliza Jennings in 1886. Later he went to Philadelphia to reside and to teach penmanship. He was a secretary for several years to a Philadelphia storage battery company and also was a salesman. He was clerk of the First Baptist church in Germantown, Penn., for 25 years. He was active in Masonic work and an honorary member of three foreign Masonic Lodges, including one in Spain and one in France. He was an associate editor of Triangle magazine. For 10 years he was secretary of the D. L. Moody Church on Northfield Mountain.

He came here in 1928 to live on the farm formerly owned by George W. Piper on Northfield Mountain, where he resided until he went to the Bronson to make his home. Cabinet making was his hobby.

He leaves one step-daughter, Mrs. George W. Piper of Orange; two step-grandsons, George B. Piper of Greenfield and Charles H. Piper of that town; three step-granddaughters, Mrs. Frank L. Green of Orange, Mrs. Herbert Streeter of this town, and Miss Ora Johnson of Turners Falls; and several great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were Wednesday at 2 p.m., in the Kidder funeral home. Later the body was taken to Haverhill for burial in Hilldale cemetery.

### Town Topics

According to cards received by friends, Mr. and Mrs. J. Lee Bolton and Mrs. Bonney are enjoying their stay in Florida. They occupy a cottage facing the ocean at Daytona Beach. However they will leave by the southern shore route to New Orleans, to the Mardi Gras festival and then to the coast.

Dave Powell and Dick Fair recently visited Eddie Finch at Champlain College, in Plattsburg, N. Y.

### Warren Hutchinson Honored For Service

Warren Andrew Hutchinson, 23, who died in the Veterans Hospital, White River Junction, Vt., Friday, January 28, 1949, was buried from the Trinitarian Congregational Church on Tuesday, February 1, with full military honors accorded him by the Northfield Post 9874 of the V. F. W., of which he was a member, and the Haven H. Spencer Post of the American Legion. Interment took place in the family lot in South Parish cemetery, Winchester, N. H., with the Rev. Joseph W. Reeves officiating.

He was born Dec. 9, 1925, in Milford the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Hutchinson of Ashuelot, N. H., and attended local schools, including Northfield High School, from which he graduated in 1944. He entered the navy, Dec. 8, 1943, and attended Dartmouth college under the V-12 program. He went to a torpedo school at Great Lakes naval training station. He served in the South Pacific until discharged in May 17, 1946 with the rank of carpenter's mate third class.

He became ill last October and was admitted to the hospital in White River Junction the week before Christmas.

Surviving are his father and mother, Mrs. Inez Hutchinson; two brothers, Eugene and Donald, at home; two sisters, Eleanor and Ethel, at home; and his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. D. L. Hutchinson of West Northfield.

Dr. J. W. Bennett, Commander of the Northfield Post of the V. F. W., officiated during the military mem-

orial service, with chaplain Edward Hurley delivering the prayer.

Commander Ted Powell of the Haven H. Spencer Post escorted the body from the station to the funeral parlor and headed the group of American Legion members present for the services.

pallbearers were: Leland Lawrence, Robert Johnson, Ted Powell, Bud Cota, Edward Hurley and George Marshall.

Firing Squad: Commanded by Stanley Johnson, and consisting of the following V. F. W. members: Ed Luciw, Charles Auclair, John Spencer, Eugene Irish, Andrew Stacy, George Butynski, Daniel O'Keefe and Raymond Miller.

Color Guards: Roger Holton and H. Keith Jacobus.

Color Bearers: M. P. Furcolo and Robert Thompson.

The Guard of Honor at the funeral parlor: Fred Stone, Robert Russell, John Spencer, Eugene Irish, George Marshall and Rikert.

Participating in the services at the church were the following officers of the Northfield Post of the V. F. W.: Senior Vice-Commander Robert Gingras; Junior Vice-Commander Mark Wright; and Officer of the Day, Donald P. Lilly.

### Town Topics

Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Gans of Dedham have recently come to Northfield as residents and are now occupying their new home recently constructed on the Hinsdale road above Ashuelot road. They are the parents of Mrs. Sidney Oliver.

Improvements are being made to the former summer residence of Miss Ethel Allen of Greenfield, located in Mountain Park, which has

been purchased and will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Edward Guinee of Bernardston.

Several applicants for the rental of summer cottages this season on Rustic Ridge have been received by the clerk of the association although the bulletin of available rentals has not yet been issued.

Malavin Pierson, an old resident, was a guest in town recently.

Mr. and Mrs. Roger Greenwood visited Worcester, Boston and Pawtucket, R. I., recently.

Mr. and Mrs. George H. Sheldon and daughter, Ruth, left for a motor trip to Florida. They expect to be gone several weeks.

Freddie Avery ate only two pieces of pie at the recent Legion Auxiliary supper. A new record.

Homer M. Edson, Coaticook, Quebec, died January 28. He is a brother of E. P. Edson, formerly of South Vernon and now in New Jersey and the late S. J. Edson of Northfield.

The Rev. Lester P. White will speak to Mount Hermon Alumni of

Amherst and vicinity on Founder's Day, Feb. 5, at the Congregational Church in Amherst.

Franklin County Northfield clubs have been invited to the Founder's Day Service, Tuesday, Feb. 8, at 10:30 a. m. in Sage Chapel with Dr. S. Ralph Harlow, professor of Religion and social ethics at Smith College as the speaker.

Following the service a box lunch will be held at the home of Mrs. W. R. Moody. Local members will provide and serve dessert and coffee.

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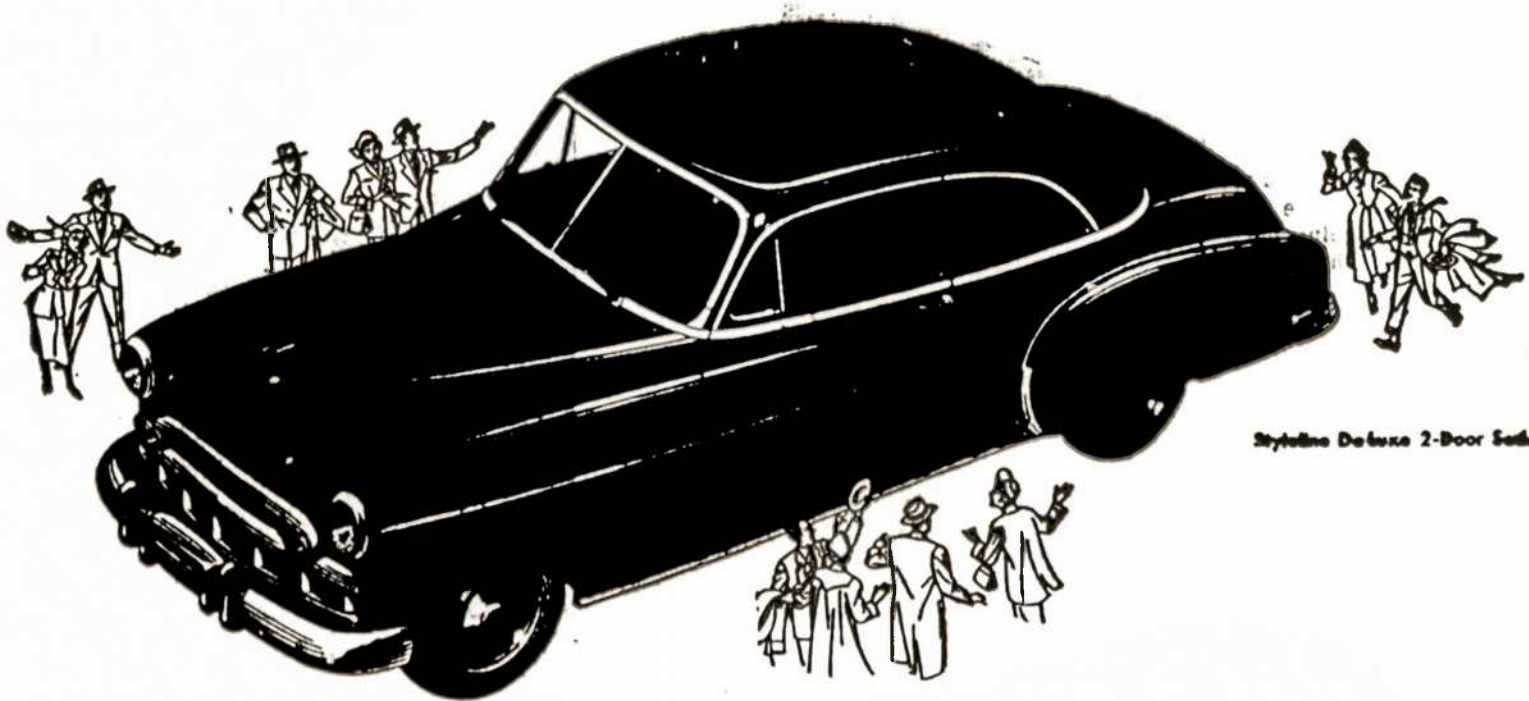
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## LAND COURT

Commonwealth of Massachusetts  
Franklin, ss.

To the Honorable the Judges of the Land Court for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

Respectfully represents Walter Carl Eddy and Eva G. Eddy, his wife, of Warwick, in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth, that they are owners of certain lots of land with the buildings thereon, situate in Warwick in the County of Franklin and said Commonwealth, bounded and described as follows:

First Tract: Beginning at the northwest corner thereof in the southerly line of the County road, leading from Warwick to Athol at corner of land now or formerly of Lawrence R. Gates; hence southerly by said Gates land to land now or formerly of Ansel Dickinson, at the corner of a stone wall; thence easterly by said Dickinson land a distance of twelve (12) rods, more or less, to an iron pipe set in the ground near a maple tree; thence northerly by land now or formerly of Lillian M. Gates to the southwesterly corner of land now or formerly of one Drinkwater; thence northerly along said Drinkwater land to an iron pipe set on the southerly line of the County road; thence easterly along the County road to the place of beginning.

Said premises containing ten (10) acres, more or less.

Second Tract: Beginning at a point in the northeasterly corner thereof in the southerly line of the County road leading from Warwick to Athol, at the corner of land now or formerly of one Coates; thence westerly along said County road to a point at the corner of land now or formerly of one Drinkwater; thence southerly along Drinkwater land; thence westerly along said Drinkwater land to the first tract above described; thence southerly along said first tract to a point at the corner of land now or formerly of Dickinson and Proctor; thence easterly along said Proctor land to the land of said Coates; thence northerly along said Coates land to the place of beginning. (Containing fifty (50) acres, more or less.

That the record title to said lot of land is clouded by a mortgage given by George Latwen, to Charles H. Davis, dated January 11, 1923 and duly recorded, Book 675, Page 165, purporting to secure a note for \$300, payable in quarterly installments of \$50.00 each, with interest quarterly which mortgage appears to be undischarged, unassigned and unrecorded on and by the record—or not properly or legally discharged of record.

That for more than twenty years after the expiration of the time limited for the full performance of said condition, no payment has been made and no other act done in recognition of said mortgage; and That the mortgagor named in said mortgage and those claiming under him have been in uninterrupted possession of said land for more than twenty years after the expiration of time limited in said mortgage for the full performance of the condition thereof.

WHEREFORE your petitioners pray that after appropriate notice a decree may be entered on the foregoing allegations as authorized by Section 15, Chapter 240 of the General Laws as amended by Chapter 20, of the Acts of 1924.

Walter Carl Eddy  
Eva G. Eddy

On this 28th day of January, 1949 personally appeared before me the within named Walter Carl Eddy and Eva G. Eddy, known to me to be the signers of the foregoing petition, and made oath, that the statements therein contained so far as made of their own knowledge are true and so far as made upon information and belief that they believe them to be true.

A True Copy: Attest,

Before me,

R. William Plotkin  
Notary Public.

Sybil H. Holmes  
Recorder

Commonwealth of Massachusetts

CASE NO. 11858 MISC.

Franklin, ss.

LAND COURT

(Seal)

Upon the foregoing petition, it is ordered that the petitioner give notice to all persons interested in said petition to appear before the Land Court at Greenfield, within and for our said County of Franklin (where appearances and answers may be filed with Fred B. Jole, Esquire, Register of Deeds for the Registry District of said Franklin County, as Assistant Recorder of said Court) on the first Monday of April next, by causing a true and attested copy of said petition and this order to be published forthwith once a week, for three successive weeks, in the Northfield Press a newspaper published in Northfield, in said County of Franklin, the last publication to be fourteen days at least before said first Monday of April next; by serving each known respondent by registered mail with a like attested copy of said petition and order as soon as may be and in any event fourteen days at least before said first Monday of April next; that all

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DAVIS  
In South Vernon, Jan. 30, a son to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Davis; grandson to Fred Davis and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Strange.

## Constance Keene in Brattleboro Concert

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By the Court.

Attest: Sybil H. Holmes, Recorder.

Dated February 1, 1949

A true copy attest

## CENTER SCHOOL NEWS

The teachers of Center School wish to thank Mrs. Raymond, the parents, and the friends who assisted with costumes or gave any other assistance in our part of planning and rehearsing for the Variety show.

Edward Doolittle is the only pupil in Mrs. Stebbins' room who has had a perfect attendance for the first half of this year.

The monitors for this week in Mrs. Stebbins' room are: Dorothy Given and Terry Aldrich, paper; David Barnes and Rachel Browning, closets; Bette Mann and Margaret Streeter, library table; Edward Doolittle and Donna Hayes, lunchroom; William Durant and John Black, desk; Marian Jewett and Jonathan Smith, books; Chester Kugler, plants; Peter Scanlon, health inspector.

Those following pupils in Grade three who were neither absent nor tardy during the past month were: Therese Gravel, Alice Williams, Harry White, Robert Ware, John True, David Scobie, Allan Griswold, Edmund Gravel, James Dresser, Gareth Casey, Edward Benney.

Pupils in grade four neither absent nor tardy for a half year are: Beatrice Bassett, Roger Holloway, and Martha Parsons.

Pupils in grade four whose papers were posted on the bulletin board for excellent writing were: Rita Gibson, Frances Given, Stanley Galda, and Robert Helbig.

Three fifth grade pupils have heard from their pen pals in Cambers during the last week.

Andrew Sheldon received a letter from Rene Regnier who said that life is very hard at his home with twelve children in the family.

Nancy Mann received a letter from Annie Regnier who said she is "always in hope of having news from you."

Nancy Buffum heard from Madeleine Gerin whose brother works in the customs office in Paris. He translated Nancy's letter before but has gone back to work now.

Members of grade five who have been neither absent nor tardy during the first half of the year: Jean Fisher, Eleanor Moon, Dorothy Stacey, David Amsden, Joseph Porter, William Smith.

The following have received reading certificates for reporting on five books: John Mankowsky, Lawrence Angell, Norman Dean, Irene Doolittle, Donald Hiller, David Scott, Wallis Black, Charlene Chamberlin, Ruth Moore, Beverly Williams.

Sixth grade girls who completed

## Complete List of Names For Library

As reported in the PRESS a few weeks ago, the Salvation Army under the immediate direction of Edwin Dudenhoff, is collecting a library of books about or by all the individuals whose names appear on the famed autographed "Moody fireplace."

More books are added every week, and a complete list of names, representing all the signatures on the fireplace, is published below for the information of those who might be willing to contribute books to the Library on the Salvation Army Camp Grounds.

Marjory B. Arson, Charles M. Alexander, John Willie Baer, Arthur S. Brown, Clara Q. Burnham, W. Bernham, E. L. Burnham, J. McConoughly, Mary Gates Connors, Dan Cenders, J. F. Carson, H. C. Colman, Ralph Connor, Fred G. Curtis, Helen F. Curtis, Harry E. Cobb, Marie Cyrus.

Dickersham, Mary Shepherd Dougherty, E. H. Denman, H. N. Dougherty, Jesse Dougherty, Sarah E. Dougherty.

F. G. Eustice, Charles R. Erdman, Edith Erdman, W. J. Erdman, H. T. Erdman, Thomas St. Clair Evans.

F. R. B. A. Emma M. Fitt, A. P. Fitt, J. N. Forman, Stephen Frombig, John Friel.

C. D. Gressner, R. S. Goldshaw, James Gardner, Gillespie, W. Henry Crank, Charles Gordon, Wilfred Grenfield, Morris Gleason, F. D. Gamewell, William R. George, G. Gleason.

Dora L. Harson, John A. Hulbert, John A. Hutton, Wm. H. Hutchins, L. R. Harson, Dave Henders, Trobel Tronbridge, C. P. Janesway, J. H. Jowett, Helen Harmon, Robert M. Laboree, B. W. Laboree, J. H. Loomis.

F. Mason, G. Campbell Morgan, E. D. R. Maynard, May A. Morrison, Henry C. Mayble, Edith K. Mayble, F. B. Meyers, John R. Mott, W. R. Moody, Mary Moody, W. H. Marston, Frank Marston, D. L. Moody, Emma Moody, Paul Moody, H. S.

the first twenty weeks of the school year with perfect attendance are: Wallis Black, Shirley Clough, Betty McIntire, and Janice Randall. In addition to these four the following were present every day in January: Florin Andrew, Gene Berube, Donald Hiller, Paul Jordan, John Mankowsky, Stephen Matosky, Mary Ellen Barnes, Delores Fisher and Jure Moore.

Miner Carpenter, after having measles and complications, returned to school Wednesday, Geraldine Durant has the mumps.

Mable, George McGregor, Jessie Marston, C. L. Murdock, Jessie Graham Morris, Charles S. Miller, W. M. Marione, Margaret W. Marston, L. Marston, E. B. Newton, H. J. Upenholm, Lonn Van Upenshaw, Laura W. Pierson, B. C. Palmer, Thomas B. Penfield, Martha M. Penfield, Ruth Peters, E. H. Perry, Edith Mary Pierson, Francis Palmer, Harris B. Powers, Arthur T. Pierson, Fannie Pierson, G. N. Pullimus, S. G. Pullimus, Anna W. Pierson, Parker, Elizabeth C. Palmer, Alfreda Post, F. B. Pierson.

Z. Richter, C. H. Right, Glory W. Rack, Hugh Roberts, Charles T. Riggs.

C. J. Scofield, Catherine L. Sterry, Sommerman, W. D. Shedd, W. Merle Smith, Emily Jamesway Scudder, R. E. Speer, Sam E. Stokes, W. M. Strong, Jessie E. Strong, Alice M. Smith.

C. Tiegler, Anne Vough Thomas, W. H. Griffith Thomas, R. A. Torrey, F. Howard Taylor, H. G. Underwood, W. M. Upcraft.

C. Woelkkin, B. J. Whittier, Jean Wachetlan, Wilbert W. White, Henry G. Weston, Alice B. Whitmore, B. B. Wilous, S. M. Zwemer.

Mr. and Mrs. Carol H. Miller announce the engagement of their daughter, Carolyn May to Ross Louis Spencer, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Ross L. Spencer of East Northfield.

Miss Miller is a graduate of Northfield High School, class of 1947 and will graduate in May from the Stockbridge School, University of Massachusetts where she is majoring in Floriculture. Spencer is a graduate of Mount Hermon School and served in the Army Air Force in Iceland. He is associated with his father in the automobile business in Northfield.

No date has been set for the wedding.

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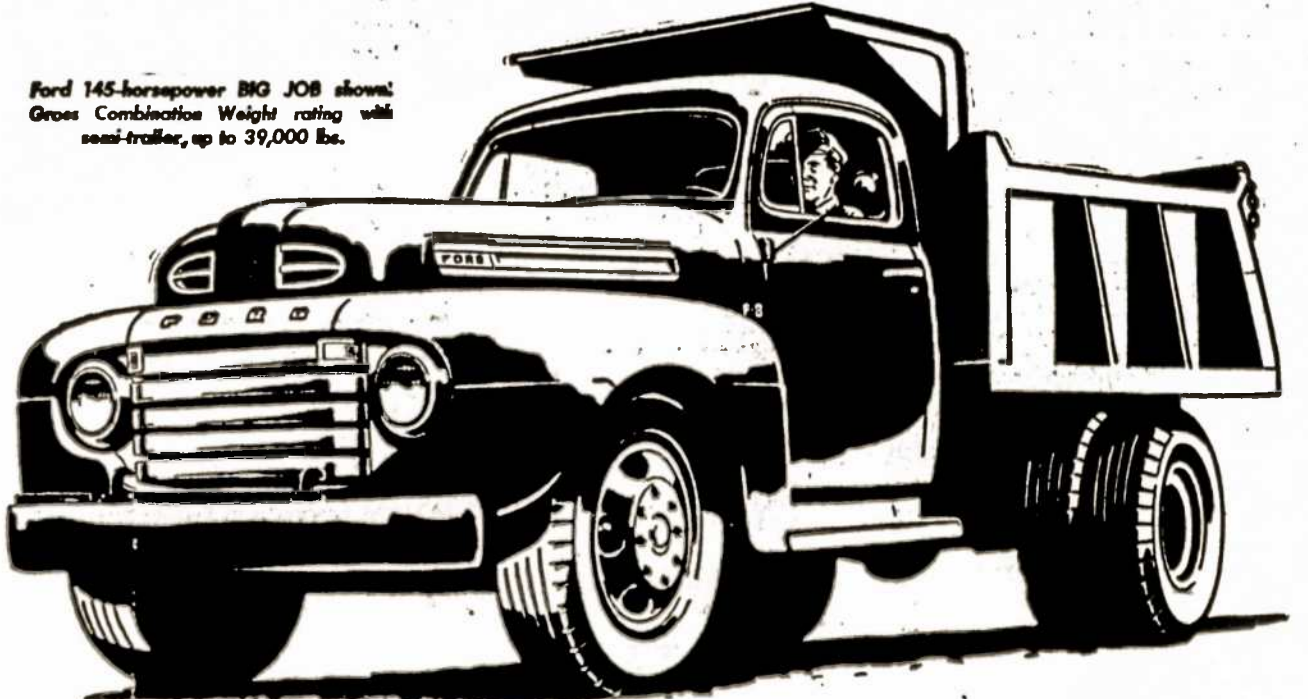
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